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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance # 18-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.20.050(F), BETHEL PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – RATES, TO INCREASE SOME MAXIMUM RATES CHARGED BY CAB COMPANIES AND AMENDING 5.20.160 A. TO INCREASE TAXI CAB FEES PAID TO THE CITY BY CAB COMPANIES

WHEREAS, the taxicab industry provides a valuable service to the community of Bethel 24 hours a day, seven days a week;

WHEREAS, taxicab rates have remained the same in Bethel for the last ten years—since the passage of Ordinance #07-20 on August 14, 2007;

WHEREAS, in the last ten years all expenses such as fuel, insurance, maintenance, taxes and fees have all increased while cab rates have stayed the same;

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED, the City Council amends the Bethel Municipal Code, Section 5.20.050(F), by amending the rates for taxi cab fares

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a Codified Ordinance and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendments. Bethel Municipal Code Section 5.20.050(F) and 5.20.160 (a), Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission – Rates, is amended as follows: (new language is underlined and old language is stricken):

5.20.050 Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission – Rates

- A. The commission:
1. Shall establish maximum rates to be charged for taxicab and river taxi service and may establish minimum rates for such services;
 2. May establish dispatch service, limousine, or bus minimum and/or maximum rates;
 3. May establish maximum lease rates between permittees and lease operators of taxicabs, including daily lease rates for taxicab chauffeurs.
- B. All rates established by the commission shall be nondiscriminatory, just and reasonable.

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- C. A statement of actual taxicab rates charged by a taxicab, other than flat or group rates established by contractual agreement between dispatch service companies and individuals or other businesses, shall be conspicuously posted on the interior and exterior of every taxicab in a manner prescribed by the transportation inspector.
- D. No person may require payment of rates other than those established by the commission pursuant to this section.
- E. No person may require payment of dispatch service rates other than those established by the commission pursuant to this section.
- F. Rates for permitted transportation area as follows:

	Old Rates	Maximum Rates Previous Fares Maximum Senior Citizen Rate	<u>Current Rates</u> <u>Maximum Rates</u>
Cab Fares (within the City (including Bethel Heights))	\$4.00	\$5.00 \$4.00	\$5.00
Fare to the Hospital	\$4.00	\$5.00 \$4.00	\$5.00
Fare to Trailer Court, Hangar Lake, Power Plant	\$4.00	\$5.00 \$4.00	\$5.00
Fare to/from the Airport (to/from all locations except Kasayulie Subdivision)	\$6.00	\$7.00 \$6.00	\$8.00
Fare to B.I.A. and Tundra Ridge	\$6.00	\$7.00 \$6.00	\$8.00
Fare to/from Kasayulie Subdivision	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
Fare to/from Haroldson Subdivision		\$7.00	\$8.00
Half-hour fare charter	\$25.00	\$30.00 \$25.00	\$35.00
Fare airport to airport	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Senior Citizens		The old fare rates	<u>The previous fare rates</u>
En-route Stops	\$1.00 per minute	\$1.00 per stop, plus \$1.00 per minute after three minutes	<u>\$1.00 per stop, plus \$1.00 per minute after three minutes</u>

5.20.160 Fees

The following fees shall be payable to the city:

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A. ~~One hundred eighty five dollars (\$185)~~ Two hundred dollars (\$200) monthly shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a bus, limousine, river taxi, dispatch service, or taxicab permit no later than the tenth (10th) of each month.

B. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each two- (2-) year renewal of a chauffeur's license no more than three (3) months prior to expiration date, not after one (1) month prior to expiration date.

C. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each two- (2-) year renewal of a vehicle permit no more than three (3) months prior to expiration date, not after one (1) month prior to expiration date.

D. One hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid to the city finance department for each appeal from a decision of the transportation inspector to the commission under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. Such fee shall be refunded if the decision is subsequently reversed. The ex officio member of the public safety and transportation commission must notify all commission members when an appeal is filed. The fee shall be forfeited if the party making the appeal fails to show for the appeal hearing.

E. Eighty-five dollars (\$85) shall be paid to the transportation inspector each time that a taxicab permittee applies to substitute a vehicle that operates under a permit.

F. One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for an application to transfer an interest in a taxicab permit or a dispatch service permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

G. There shall be a one hundred dollar (\$100) surcharge for late payment of fees provided for in subsections A, B, and C of this section.

H. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for administration of the examination required in BMC 5.40.020(C), except that this

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payment shall not be required the first (1st) time that an applicant for a chauffeur's license takes the examination.

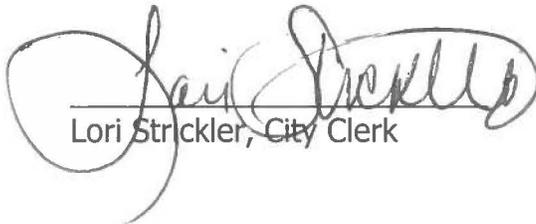
I. Fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be charged for chauffeur and vehicle renewal applications which are mailed in.

J. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be charged for chauffeur drug testing.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective ninety (90) days after passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS 13 DAY OF MARCH 2018, BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Richard Robb, Mayor